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Honorable Mayor Reed
Members of the City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
City Council Agenda: 03-23-2010
Item 9.4**

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are pleased to support Mayor Reed's recommendation that the City Council direct the City Manager to begin discussions with employee groups, including San Jose Fire Fighters, Local 230.

When City Administration unilaterally declared impasse in our contract negotiations and set the course for arbitration we were surprised and disappointed by the decision. Local 230 believes that honest and open discussions should be completely exhausted before either side declares impasse. Working together to address issues collectively is our preferred course of action.

We look forward to this opportunity to discuss with the City Administration cost saving ideas and service delivery improvements and we will make sure that the Mayor and City Council are informed of developments in our discussions.

Sincerely,

Randy Sekany

Randy Sekany, President
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